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1. The fiscal affairs of the Lebanese Communist Party are managed by the Secretaries of the Quarters Sections (fiqhah), each of whom is responsible for his own section's finances, and for the submission of a detailed report of receipts and expenditures to the Secretary of the Local Committee. Under no circumstances can the expenditures be more than one-fifth of the receipts, unless the Local Committee has approved such expenditures.
2. The Secretary of the Local Committee supervises the expenditures of his committee and the Quarter Section under his jurisdiction, submitting a comprehensive financial report to the Secretary General of Finance of the Communist Party, Khalid Baghdash, who has held this position since 1944; his predecessors were Artin Madoyan and Farajallah Hilu.
3. Baghdash distributes extra funds to the financial secretaries of the local district committees only when the Communist Party is compelled to spend money for political campaigns or parliamentary elections.
4. From 1933 to 1939 the Lebanese Communist Party received funds from the French Communist Party through Madame Leovater, Gabriel de la Pyne, Antun Tabit, Amil Qash'ami and Jirgi Qazan, the father of Fu'ad Qazan. Funds were also received for a short time through one of the officials of the former French High Commission in the Levant, [redacted] states. 25X1X6
5. Following the outbreak of World War II, these funds from France were discontinued, and foreign funds were not received by the Communist Party until 1943, with the establishment of the Soviet Legations in Beirut and Damascus. In May 1943 the Soviet Legation in Beirut gave Khalid Baghdash a fund large enough to cover an expenditure of £L 22,000 - 25,000 for the political campaign in 1943, when Farajallah Hilu, Nicola Shawi, and Antun Tabit were attempting to win seats in the Chamber of Deputies. It also covered the salaries of approximately fifty Party leaders and employees, as well as expenditures for Communist publications and certain clandestine affairs. [redacted] Comment. It has been previously reported that the Communist Party planned to spend approximately £L 25,000 for the elections in 1943, but that it actually spent only £L 13,000, as the Party called off its campaign and withdrew its candidates.)

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